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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a therapeutic method for treating at least one symptom of Alzheimer's disease in a mammal, such as a human, wherein the toxicity of a pathogen of  $\beta$  amyloid peptide mammalian cells is implicated and inhibition of the subsequently-induced pathological pathways is desired comprising administering to a mammal in need of such therapy, an effective amount of a benzoylpiperazine derivative, including pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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